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PART I - NEWSPAPERS

MARCH 2 O COVERAGE SC MEETING BY MAJOR NEWSPAPERS SPOTTY AND ROUTINE. NO EDITORIAL COMMENT. WASHINGTON POST USED THREE PARAGRAPH AP STORY PAGE 14, " PEKING, MOSCOW SUPPORT PANAMA" AND SIMONS " LETTER FROM PANAMA" SAME PAGE, ENTITLED " HEAT, CANAL RECALL SUEZ." RECAPS SC MEETING: " MUCH HAS COME FROM CUBA, BUT THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN ATTACKS FROM THE SCORE OF OTHER LATIN NEIGHBORS WHO HAVE HAD THEIR TURN TO SPEAK AT THE COUNCIL TABLE. FIGHTING BACK ARE THE SIX MEMBERS OF THE U. S. DELEGATION SUPPORTED BY A HANDFUL OF ADVISERS AND A COMPLETE PUBLICITY TEAM FROM THE U. S. I. S. U. S. AMBASSADOR JOHN SCALI, ON HIS FIRST MAJOR ASSIGNMENT

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IN HIS NEW JOB AND ALSO ON HIS HONEYMOON HERE HAS BEEN TOUGH AND, ON OCCASION, INDIGNANT. FEELING NO MORE COMFORTABLE, AND PERHAPS WONDERING WHOSE SIDE HE SHOULD BE ON, SOVIET AMBASSADOR JACOB MALIK TOLD A COLLEAGUE, 'I WISH I WERE SOMEONE ELSE, AND IN A DIFFERENT PLACE ALTOGETHER.'"

NY TIMES RAN TORRIJOS PROFILE PAGE 4, THREE- COLUMN TITLE: "PANAMA'S DOWN- TO- EARTH LEADER." TIMES ALSO RAN SEVERO HISTORICAL ARTICLE PAGE 5, THREE- COLUMN TITLE: " FRENCHMAN IS RECALLED FOR CANAL PACT AND AS THE BENEDICT ARNOLD OF PANAMA." ARTICLE SUMMARIZES BUNAU- VARILLA'S ACTIONS RELATIVE TO CANAL, AND QUOTES VARIOUS PANAMANIAN.

BALTIMORE SUN USED ASSOCIATED PRESS ARTICLE PAGE 6:
" PANAMA SUPPORTED BY CHINA AND SOVIET."

NY DAILY NEWS PUBLISHED SHORT SIGALE DISPATCH PAGE 12, ONE- COLUMN TITLE: " U. S. MAKING PROGRESS ON CANAL DRAFT." INCLUDES SCALI STATEMENT: "' I HAVEN' T SEEN ANY RESOLUTION YET THAT WE CAN SUPPORT."

PART II - RADIO/ TELEVISION

CBS RADIO MORNING MARCH 20 HOTTELET REPORTED " AMBASSADOR JOHN SCALI TAKES THE FLOOR THIS MORNING FOR THE FIRST EXPOSITION OF U. S. POLICY ON THE PANAMA CANAL QUESTION SINCE THE SC CONVENED HERE LAST WEEK. HE HAS ALREADY SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME, HOWEVER, EXPLAINING IT PRIVATELY TO PANAMANIAN LEADERS. HE HAS BEEN TRYING TO PERSUADE THEM NOT TO PUSH A RESOLUTION WHICH URGES PROMPT NEGOTIATION OF A NEW TREATY WITH THE U. S. GIVING UP JURISDICTION OVER THE CANAL ZONE AND EVENTUALLY TURNING OVER OPERATION OF THE CANAL TO PANAMA AS WELL. PANAMANIAN SAY THEY CAN ACCEPT NO LESS FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HERE, BUT SCALI HAS BEEN TELLING THEM THIS IS TOO MUCH, THAT THE U. S. WILL CAST THE VETO BEFORE IT LETS THE COUNCIL DICTATE THE TERMS OF ITS PRIVATE NEGOTIATIONS. PANAMA HAS ASKED WHETHER THE U. S. MIGHT AT LEAST ABSTAIN AND LET THE RESOLUTION PASS. THAT QUESTION IS STILL OPEN, BUT INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE ANSWER WILL BE NO."

NO TV COVERAGE SC MEETING EVENING MARCH 19. ROGERS
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